[Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar.]

(*b*) the number of these encroachments that were on existing water-ways and canals used for traffic and irrigation purposes;

(*c*) the number of these cases that were ordered to be restored; and

(*d*) the number ordered to be registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 343 cases in 1102 and 104 cases in 1103.

(*b*) 241.

(*c*) 151.

(*d*) 65.

Qualifications for obtaining free supply of Government publications.

101. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): If the Government have prescribed any qualifications for a newspaper in order to deserve a free supply of Government publications, will they be pleased to state what they are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A copy of the G. O.* containing the information is laid on the table.

Policy adopted in the free supply of Government publications to newspapers.

102. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle followed in the matter of providing the newspapers with their publications free of cost?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 101.

Free supply of Government publications to Travancore Newspapers.

103. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the newspapers in Travancore are being supplied free with Government publications; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the differential treatment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The rules regulating the free supply of Government publications to newspapers are contained in G. O. R. Dis. No. 279 of 23/Legis., dated the 2nd August 1923, copy of which has already been laid on the table.

Water scarcity in Shencotta Town.

104. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has ever been brought to their notice that the people of Shencotta town and suburbs are put to great difficulty on account of scarcity of water;

(*b*) if so, the steps that have been taken to remedy the drawbacks?

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 227.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, but the scarcity is only in years of drought.

(*b*) The President, Municipal Council, Shencotta, reports that the question of supplying good drinking water to the town is engaging the serious attention of the Council and that a definite scheme, when drawn up, will be placed before the Government for sanction.

Lands available for registry in Pattanapuram Taluk

105. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the total area of land disafforested for registry in Pattanapuram taluk;

(*b*) the extent of such land that has hitherto been registered; and

(*c*) the extent of such land that remains to be registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Maintenance of the roads in Alleppey.

106. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether motor traffic at Alleppey has greatly increased in addition to the increase in the number of loaded vehicles; and

(*b*) whether the roads of Alleppey have become miserably bad?

(2) Are the Government aware that the people of Alleppey are anxious to see that the roads are taken back from the hands of the Municipality?

(3) Are the Government aware that, with the present annual income of the Municipality, it is very difficult for the Municipal Council to maintain the roads properly?

(4) Considering the commercial and traffic importance of Alleppey, do the Government realise that the roads of the town should be kept sound in every respect?

(5) Do the Government propose to take any steps for maintaining the roads properly?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) No.

(4) Yes.

(5) The question is under consideration.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ആലപ്പുഴ മുൻസിപാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും റോഡുകാം തിരിച്ചു വാങ്ങുവാൻ കൊള്ളണമെന്നു കാണിച്ചു റസലൂഷൻ പാസ്സാക്കി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, recently it has been received.

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